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NOTICE

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
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WERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,
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BLACK SEA AND BALTIC
PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
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AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bill of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 14th day of April, 1889
at 10 A.M., the Company's Steamship
"PREUSSEN," Capt. C. Pohle, with MAILS
PASSENGERS SPECIE and CARGO. will

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon
Cargo will be received on board until 4, p.m.
Sundays and Holidays until 1 p.m. on the 12th

Specie and Parcels until 1 p.m., on the 13th of April, 1889. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENCY'S Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

18th March. 188

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER

LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN
FRANCISCO.
THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF NEW YORK"

will be despatched for San Francisco, *via* Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 16th April, at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight to Japan, the United States, and Europe.

portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—	
To San Francisco.....	\$200.00
To San Francisco and return, available for 6 months.....	350.00
To Liverpool.....	325.00

To London..... 330.00
To other European Points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained

Passengers by this line have the option proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*vice versa*) within one year will be allowed discount of 70 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to passengers returning to China.*

Freight will be received on board until 4 P. M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 3 P. M. same day. U. S. Parcel Packages should be marked to

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in United States, should be sent to the Company

Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage &
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1886

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
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**TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE;**

**THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.**

"BATAVIA"
2,553 Tons Register, Auld, Command
will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B

To be followed by the S. S. "POCAHONTAS" on the 25th May and S. S. "AUGUSTA" on the 26th May and S. S. "ALBANY" on the 27th May.

Connection will be made at Yokohama Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points by regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast Steam

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Steamers.

To Vancouver and Victoria....(Mex.)	\$160.00
To all Common Points in Canada and the United States	230.00
To Liverpool	300.00

To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo sent to Points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent.

Vancouver, B.C.
Freight will be received on board until 4
on the 24th April.
All Parcels must be sent to our Office
should be marked to address in full; and

For information as to Passage or Freight apply to
ADAMSON BELL & Co.

Agents.
[s] Hongkong, 11th April, 1889

a law, nor a reward given without a cause. As no law is mentioned as given, we must infer that the punishment is unexplained. In the present case the penalty is the extermination of one family, not only of the human species, but of the animal creations, which could neither have been taken in nor been responsible for the sins of men. "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air." (v. 7). This sweeping extermination becomes all the more unintelligible when Noah and his family are excepted from the general decision to "destroy all rian," and when of every living thing a couple are equally expected to perpetrate the species.

Passing now from the circumstantial causes which brought on the deluge to the facts directly connected with it, it may be as well to premise that nothing miraculous is recorded by the Bible to have occurred either in the building of the Noachian Ark, or in the living freight which it is asserted to have carried. On the contrary, known measurements were given according to which the Ark was to be constructed, a full description was made of the animals which were to be collected together, and everything else was mentioned with the detail and minuteness attending the construction of an ordinary boat. Now, if science shows that nothing but a stupendous miracle could have brought the immense freight together in the Ark constructed according to the Bible dimensions, we must conclude that the Genesis narrative is baseless and untenable. "Science," says W. Denton, is a fiery furnace that has consumed a thousand delusions, and must consume all that remain."

1. *The Ark and its tenants*.—The Ark was 300 cubits long, 50 broad, and 30 high. Taking the cubit at 22 inches, the largest estimate given, the ark must have had the following dimensions: 550 ft. in length, 91 ft. 6 in. in breadth, and 55 feet in height. The cubical contents of the Ark must have been, according to Denton, 100,000 cubic yards. Each of the three floors measured 5,600 square yards. The animals that were taken into the Ark are stated to have been: fourteen of each kind of bird (Gen. vii. 3), seven male, and seven female; two of every sort of unclean beast—animals that do not divide the hoof, or chew the cud; and fourteen of every sort of clean beast. Commencing with the birds, Lesson.

quoted by Hugh Miller, enumerates 6,266 species; Gray estimates them at 8,000. It is needless to suppose that all these species did not exist before the Deluge, for the Bible clearly says that they were all made on the fifth day; and on no other ground can we explain the existence of all the distinct species of animals at the present time, but by supposing each species to have been created at the commencement, and reproduced from the stock saved in the Ark. If we assume the Darwinian theory of the gradual transmutation of species, we may be led to suppose that in ante-diluvian times there were only a few species of animals, which gradually formed the numerous post-diluvian kinds. But, in the first place, the Darwinian theory is contrary to the Bible record of special creation; in the second place, the fossil remains of animals in the strata have been ante-diluvian show them to have been just as numerous then as they are now—in some instances, more numerous than their present representatives; and, in the third place, the transmutation theory is based on the assumption of enormous periods of time. Taking therefore the species of birds at the minor computation—6,266—this number multiplied by 14, gives Noah 87,724 birds, allowing 5 for every square yard of the Ark, saying the space for the attendants to look after this winged multitude, we shall easily come to the conclusion that the birds alone could have taken the whole standing space of the Ark.

Of the unclean beasts, two of every sort were to be taken. The species of mammals are estimated by Zoologists at 2,067. Leaving out the ruminantia, or cud-chewers, which are clean beasts, estimated at 177 species, we have 1,890 species, and according to Gen. vii. 2, 3,680 animals, being two of each species. Of the clean beasts, 177 species are known, which multiplied by 14, give a total of 6,128 mammals, from the mouse to the elephant. "These animals," says Denton, "could not be piled one upon another like cord-wood; they could not be promiscuously crowded together. The sheep would need careful protection from the lions, tigers, and wolves; the elephant and other ponderous beasts would require stalls of great thickness; much room would be required to enable them to obtain needful exercise, and for the attendants to supply them with food and water; and a vessel of the size of the ark would be taxed to provide for these beasts alone; and to crowd in, and preserve alive beasts and birds, was an absolute impossibility."

Noah was also to take two of every sort of creeping thing. "Two hundred of these reptiles," says Denton, "are aquatic: hence water would not seriously affect them, but snakes, lizards, iguanas, true lizards, horned frogs, toad-like snakes, chameleons, butterflies, rattlesnakes, copperheads, asps, cobra de capellos, whose bite is certain death, and a host of others, must be provided for. It would not do to allow these disagreeable individuals to crawl about the ark, and 914 of them would require considerable space, whether they could obtain it or not. By this time, the ark is doubly crowded; but its living cargo is not yet completed. A dense cloud of insects, and a vast army of winged creatures, make their appearance, and clamour for admission. The number of articles that must have been provided for is estimated at 175,000 species—from the butterflies of Brazil, 14 inches from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other, to the almost invisible gnat that dances in the summer's beam. Ants, beetles, flies, bugs, fleas, mosquitoes, wasps, bees, moths, butterflies, spiders, scorpions, grasshoppers, locusts, myriapods, canker-worms, wriggling, crawling, creeping, flying, male and female, here they come, and all must be provided for. Nor are these the last. The air-breathing land animals, of which we know 4,600 species, could never have survived a twelve months' sojourn; and they must therefore be cared for. The 9,000 of these add a little to the discomfort of the trebly-crowded ark."

(To be continued.)

To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 11th April, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 11th April, 1889. [432]

LOST. A FOX TERRIER DOG, white with spotted Head, Stump Tail—leather Collar. Finder please return to Office of this Paper. Reward is required. Hongkong, 11th April, 1889. [444]

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. PROGRAMME OF SEVENTH PRIZE MEETING.

TO BE HELD AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY April 19th, SATURDAY 20th, and MONDAY 22nd, 1889.

PATRON: H. E. Sir G. Wm. Des Vœux K.C.M.G.

COMMITTEE: G. E. Noble, Esq. (Chairman).

E. L. Woodin, Esq. (Vice-Chairman).

John Andrew, Esq.

Major Verner Chater, 1st A. & S. Highlanders.

Capt. Collinson, 2nd Northamptonshire Regt.

Major Dempster.

C. Foid, Esq.

H. J. Holmes, Esq.

A. Shenton Hooper, Esq.

W. C. Murray, Esq.

Capt. Robinson, 1st A. & S. Highlanders.

E. Robinson, Esq.

Coland Storer, R.E.

Alf. Woolley, Esq.

HON. SEC. & TREASURER: A. Shenton Hooper, Esq.

1st.—All Comers.—Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 20 cents each. Ten prizes, value \$47.

2nd.—Association.—Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Five prizes, value \$30.

3rd.—Members of Council.—Past and Present Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hongkong. Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. No entrance fee.

1st prize, presented by E. L. Woodin, Esq. 2nd prize, presented by Messrs. Gaupp & Co.

4th.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee 50 cents. One prize, \$10. Position—Standing, or Kneeling.

5th.—All Comers.—Distance 100 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 20 cents each. Ten prizes, value \$47.

6th.—Association.—Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Five prizes, value \$30.

7th.—Ladies.—Open to Lady Members or their Nominees. Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. No entrance fee. Seven prizes. Position—Sitting or Kneeling.

1st Prize, presented by E. L. Woodin, Esq. 2nd prize, presented by Major Verner Chater.

3rd prize, presented by E. L. Woodin, Esq. 4th prize, presented by Major Dempster.

5th prize, presented by H. J. Holmes, Esq. 6th prize, presented by Wang Hing.

7th.—Ladies' Pursu.—Presented by the Ladies of Hongkong. Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee 50 cents.

9th.—Chairman's Cup.—Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee \$1.

1st Prize, presented by G. E. Noble, Esq. 2nd prize, presented by Messrs. Dakin Bros. & Co.

3rd prize, presented by Messrs. Gaupp & Co. 4th prize, presented by Messrs. Dakin Bros. & Co.

10th.—All Comers.—Distance 500 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 20 cents each. Seven prizes, value \$30.

11th.—Association.—Distance 500 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Five prizes, value \$30.

12th.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 500 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee 50 cents. One prize of \$10. Position—Sitting, Kneeling, or Prone.

13th.—Queen's 2nd Stage.—Distance 500 yards. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance fee 50 cents. One prize of \$10. Position—Sitting, Kneeling, or Prone.

14th.—Any Rifle.—Open to all comers. Distance 500 yards. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance fee \$1.

1st Prize, presented by The Hon. C. P. Chater. 2nd Prize, presented by Wang Hing.

15th.—All Comers.—Distance 600 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 20 cents each. Seven prizes, value \$20.

16th.—Association.—Distance 600 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Five prizes, value \$30.

17th.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 600 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee 50 cents. One prize of \$10. Position—Sitting, Kneeling, or Prone.

18th.—Queen's 2nd Stage.—Distance 600 yards. No. of Shots—Fifteen. Entrance fee 50 cents. One prize of \$10. Position—Sitting, Kneeling, or Prone.

19th.—Any Rifle.—Open to all comers. Distance 600 yards. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance fee \$1. Two prizes, value \$15.

1st Prize, presented by E. R. Bellios, Esq. 2nd Prize, presented by E. R. Bellios, Esq.

20th.—Queen's 3rd Stage.—Distance 800 yards. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance fee 50 cents. One prize, \$10.

21st.—Long Range.—Distance 800 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee 50 cents. Three prizes, value \$24.

1st Prize, presented by The Hon. C. P. Chater. 2nd Prize, presented by The Hon. C. P. Chater.

22nd.—Any Rifle.—Open to all comers. Distance 800 yards. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance fee \$1. Two prizes, value \$15.

1st Prize, presented by H. N. Mody, Esq. 2nd Prize, presented by H. N. Mody, Esq.

23rd.—Long Range.—Distance 900 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee 50 cents. Three prizes, value \$24.

1st Prize, presented by E. R. Bellios, Esq. 2nd Prize, presented by E. R. Bellios, Esq.

24th.—Queen's 3rd Stage.—Distance 900 yards. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance fee 50 cents. One prize of \$10.

25th.—Any Rifle.—Open to all comers. Distance 900 yards. No. of Shots—Ten. Entrance fee \$1. Two prizes, value \$15.

26th.—Cade's.—Open to Pupils of Hongkong Public Schools under 16 years of Age. Rook Rifle under 40 Calibre.—Distance 150 yards, Seven Rounds. No entrance fee.

AGGREGATES OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

27th.—Volunteer Aggregate.—Restricted to efficient Volunteers whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 1 and 5 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1. Three prizes, value \$25.

28th.—Civil Service Aggregate.—Restricted to Members of the Civil Service whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 1 and 5 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1.

1st Prize presented by B. Chaffour, Esq. 2nd Prize, presented by B. Chaffour, Esq.

29th.—Police Aggregate.—Restricted to Members of the Police Force whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 1 and 5 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee 50 cents. Three prizes, value \$25.

30th.—Aggregate.—Restricted to Bluejackets, Marines, and Private Soldiers whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 1, 5, 10, and 15 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee 50 cents. Ten prizes, value \$61.

31st.—Aggregate.—Restricted to Civilian Members whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 2, 6, 11 and 16 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1. Three prizes.

32nd.—Army and Navy Aggregate.—Restricted to Officers of the Army and Navy whose respective highest scores in competition Nos. 1, 5, 10 and 15 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1. Three prizes.

33rd.—Aggregate.—Restricted to Non-Warrant Officers of the Army, Navy, and Marines.

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whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 1, 5, 10 and 15 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee 50 cents. Three prizes, value \$18.

34th.—All Comers Aggregate.—For all competitors whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 1, 5, 10 and 15 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1. Five prizes.

35th.—Any Rifle Aggregate.—For Competitors whose respective scores in competitions Nos. 14, 19, 22 and 25 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$2. Three prizes, value \$30. 1st Prize presented by The Hon. C. P. Chater.

AGGREGATES OPEN TO MEMBERS.

36th.—Victoria Prize.—Open to Officers of the Army and Navy whose respective scores in the 1st Stage Queen's make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1. 1st Prize presented by E. R. Bellios, Esq.

37th.—Nursery Aggregate.—Restricted to Competitors who have never won a First or Second prize at any previous Rifle meeting in Hongkong, and whose respective scores in the 1st Stage Queen's make up the highest aggregate. Military and Navy excluded. Entrance fee \$1. Three prizes, value \$30. 1st Prize presented by H. N. Mody, Esq.

38th.—Handicap Aggregate.—For Competitors whose respective scores (with the new monthly Challenge Cup Handicap points added) at 200 and 500 yards in the 1st Stage Queen's make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1. Three prizes, value \$30. 1st Prize presented by David Chaffour, Esq.

39th.—Long Range Aggregate.—For Competitors whose respective scores in competitions Nos. 21 and 23 make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$1. Two prizes, value \$25. 1st Prize presented by The Hon. C. P. Chater.

40th.—Queen's Aggregates.—For Competitors whose respective scores make up the highest aggregate in the following stages:—Entrance fee \$2.

1st Stage, 200, 500 and 600 yards, One prize, \$15, presented. 2nd Stage, 300 and 600 yards, One prize, \$15. 3rd Stage, 800 and 900 yards, One prize, \$15. The National Rifle Association Silver Medal with \$15 will be given for the highest aggregate made in the three stages; and for the next nine best aggregates money prizes to the value of \$81.

N.B.—The Winner of the Silver Medal is entitled to shoot for the Prince of Wales's Cup at the First Prize Meeting of the National Rifle Association at which he may be able to attend.

41st.—Champion Aggregates.—For Competitors whose respective highest scores in competitions Nos. 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 16, 21, 23 and the Three Stages Queen's make up the highest aggregate. Entrance fee \$2.

1st Prize, Silver Cup value \$100, presented by the Parson Community. 2nd Prize, Silver mounted Claret Jug value \$45, presented by the Share Brokers; 3rd Prize, Silver Cup value \$15, presented by the Association.

SWEETSTAKES OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

Running Man.—Unlimited entries. Distance 150 yards. Five shots for 20 cents.

Vanishing Target.—Unlimited entries. Distance 150 yards. Five shots for 20 cents.

POOL OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

200 yards 25 cents each shot. 300 yards 25 cents each shot. 400 yards 25 cents each shot.

Kook Rifles; Distance about 150 yards, 25 cents each shot.

The Entrance money for Sweetstakes and Pool (less 25 per cent) will be divided daily.

CONDITIONS, &c.

1.—Entries must be sent in with the requisite fees for all competitions restricted to members of the Association, except those which are unlimited, before noon on Thursday, 18th April, after which time double Entrance Fees will be charged.

2.—In all competitions, three competitors must enter or there will be no first prize, four or no second, six or no third, and so on.

3.—No Lady to nominate more than one representative, nor is one member to shoot for more than one Lady. Competition No. 7 is open to members only, who must be nominated by Lady Members.

4.—Rifles.—Martin-Henry or M. H. Carbinet to be used, except in Competitions Nos. 14, 19, 22, 23 and 26.

5.—Pull off 64 lbs. Rifles will be tested before and/or after shooting.

Rifles can be adjusted by the Armourer Sergeant, on payment of 20 cents.

6.—Sights.—Paper or sliding wind-gauges on above are not allowed.

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